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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Junichi NAKANO et al.

Application No.: New U.S. National Stage of  
PCT/JP03/010417

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Docket No.: 121457

For: IMPACT-ABSORBING STEERING COLUMN APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification;**

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims;

**Remarks.**